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SUMMARY: THE ELECTION OF HAYA DE LA TORRE AS PRESIDENT OF THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY ASSURED BY BEDOYA REYES' PROMISE OF PPC SUPPORT FOR HIS CANDIDACY. THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WHICH WILL DRAFT THE INTERNAL RULES OF ORDER WERE NAMED JULY 20. FOUR FNTC DELEGATES HAVE REFUSED TO TAKE THEIR OATH OF OFFICE AS A GESTURE OF SOLIDARITY WITH STRIKING TEACHERS. A COMMITTEE TO COORDINATE THE STRATEGY OF THE LEFTIST PARTIES HAS BEEN FORMED. END SUMMARY.

1. THE ELECTION OF VICTOR RAUL HAYA DE LA TORRE AS PRESIDENT OF THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY ASSURED AS DR. LUIS BEDOYA REYES ANNOUNCED JULY 20 THAT THE PPC WOULD SUPPORT HAYA FOR THE PRESIDENCY. THE 25 PPC DELEGATES PLUS THE 37 APRA DELEGATES GIVE HAYA AN
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AMPLE MARGIN OVER THE 51 VOTES NEEDED. (MDP ALSO PLEDGED ITS TWO VOTES TO HAYA.) BEDOYA ALSO NOTED THAT PPC SUPPORT FOR HAYA'S PRESIDENCY DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE PPC AND APRA HAVE MADE ANY TYPE OF PACT.

2. THE 19 MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE CHARGED WITH DRAFTING THE INTERNAL RULES OF ORDER FOR THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY

WERE NAMED JULY 20. LUIS ALBERTO SANCHEZ IS CHAIRMAN AND THE 12 PARTIES ARE REPRESENTED PROPORTIONATELY ON THE COMMITTEE.

3. THE FOUR FNTC DELEGATES HAVE REFUSED TO BE SWORN IN AS A GESTURE OF SOLIDARITY WITH STRIKING TEACHERS. THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FUNCTIONING OF THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY UNTIL THEY TAKE THE OATH. SEVEN OTHER DELEGATES HAVE NOT YET BEEN SWORN IN BECAUSE THEY ARE OUT OF THE COUNTRY OR ARE AWAITING THE ARRIVALS OF DEPORTED DELEGATES PRIOR TO BEING SWORN IN. THESE 11 DELEGATES HAVE UNTIL JULY 27 TO BE SWORN.

4. A COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE LEFT, CONSISTING OF FOCEP, UDP, PSR (BOTH GROUPS), PDC AND THE PCP, WAS FORMED JULY 20. EACH PARTY OR BLOCK HAS ONE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE COMMITTEE WHICH IS CHAIRED BY UDP'S DR. ALFONSO BARRANTES LINGAN (PRESIDENT OF THE UDP BUT NOT RPT NOT A MEMBER OF THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY). THE PCP IS REPRESENTED BY GUILLERMO HERRERA, FOCEP BY VICTORIANO LAZARO GUTIERREZ, PDC BY ARTURO MORETTI, UDP BY CARLOS MALPICA, AND THE TWO PSR BLOCKS BY ANTONIO ARAGON AND MIGUEL ECHEANDIA. THE FIRST ACTION OF THIS GROUP WAS TO PRESENT AT THE PREPARATORY SESSION A MOTION CALLING FOR THE REHIRING OF 15 FIRED MINE WORKERS. HAYA STATED THAT THIS MOTION WOULD BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEALT WITH AT THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY.

5. COMMENT: THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE LEFT THEORETICALLY COMMANDS THIRTY VOTES BUT WE DOUBT THAT ITS UNITY WILL HOLD UP AGAINST LONG-STANDING IDEOLOGICAL AND PERSONAL QUARRELS AMONG THE THIRTY LEFTIST DELEGATES. THE PRESENCE ON THE COMMITTEE OF TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PSR CONFIRMS THE SPLIT IN THAT GROUP AND FOCEP'S INTERNAL PROBLEMS REMAIN TO BE RESOLVED.

6. PPC'S DECISION TO SUPPORT HAYA'S CANDIDACY "WITHOUT CONDITIONS" HAS REMOVED ONE OBSTACLE TO THE ASSEMBLY'S GETTING TO WORK EARLY ON SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS. IT CONFIRMS THE EARLIER POSITION OF PPC LEADERS THAT IF APRA WON, THE PPC WOULD BEHAVE RESPONSIBILITY AS THE NUMBER TWO PARTY.

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